



# DRAFT (V2) Creating Healthier Communities Strategy Refresh 2022

Frimley Health and Care  
Integrated Care System



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## Creating healthier communities with everyone

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## Foreword

After a century of rising living standards, life expectancy and real incomes, our population is now facing a set of challenges which have not been experienced for many decades. For many of our residents, however, the COVID-19 pandemic which hit at the start of this decade, painfully exposed some of the inequalities which have been present for generations. The last three years have highlighted some of the main inequities which are major contributors to deprivation, variation in health outcomes and lived experience as residents of our geography.

In the months leading up to the unforeseeable onset of the pandemic, public sector leads in the Frimley Health and Care ICS geography had started the process of identifying these disparities and putting plans in place to address them. The Frimley ICS Strategy, *Creating Healthier Communities*, which was published in the Autumn of 2019, recognised these challenges and partners agreed on two core objectives; firstly to **reduce health inequalities** and secondly to **increase healthy life expectancy**.

The onset of the global pandemic significantly underlined the importance of these areas of focus. Never before in the modern day, had the lives and liberties of our residents been so restricted, and subsequently disadvantaged, in such a short period of time. Almost three years later, even with COVID-19 causing less of a daily impact, this offers little in the way of comfort to our residents; the economic shock resulting from this period and the subsequent cost of living crisis indicates an extremely difficult period ahead for all of us.

This context demonstrates the importance of this refreshed strategy, which sets out our collective ambitions as a partnership over the years ahead. Readers will note that the mission remains largely unchanged from three years ago, but much of the approach will be new, reflecting a fresh urgency and focus on the significant number of people in our population who experience an unacceptable degree of variation in their quality of life and health outcomes.

Undoubtedly, the world will continue to change rapidly over the years ahead and our strategic purpose and intent will need to adapt accordingly. This strategy therefore is a response to the 'here and now' of the challenges in front of us and is likely to evolve. Our aim is to ensure that the new Integrated Care Partnership can capitalise on the dynamic brief with which it has been established and create the collective sense of purpose which will be needed to deliver both the priorities set out in this document and the as yet unknown difficulties which will continue to emerge.

Despite the unprecedented challenges which lie ahead of us, we remain optimistic for the strength of our partnership and the huge impact which can be made for our population by working together. On this basis, as leaders of public sector bodies from the breadth of the Frimley geography, we commend and support this refreshed strategy.



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# Executive Summary

## Our Objectives

We remain committed to delivering the two overarching objectives which were defined by the 2019 Frimley ICS strategy; *Creating Healthier Communities*. Our partnership focus will continue to be defined by delivering improvements against the following two headline measures:

(1) **Reducing Health Inequalities** for all of our residents who experience unwarranted variation in their **outcomes** or **experience**

(2) Increasing **Healthy Life Expectancy** for our whole population, ensuring an improvement not just in length of life but in the quality of those years as well.

## Our Strategic Ambitions

The Strategic Ambitions which were established in 2019 are retained with new areas of focus and energy against a refreshed set of priorities which better reflect the challenges of 2023 and beyond.

- **Starting Well**
- **Living Well**
- **People, Places & Communities**
- **Our People**
- **Leadership and Cultures**
- **Outstanding Use of Resources**

Each of our Strategic Ambitions will focus on a discrete number of headline priorities in the 3-5 years ahead, which are likely to be some of the most challenging that the health and care system has ever faced. You can read more about these, and the other areas of work for each ambition, in the dedicated sections of this strategy document between pages 13 and 35.

## Our Headline Commitments in this Strategy

### Starting Well

- Addressing health inequalities through a focused approach to meeting the needs of vulnerable children who experience deprivation and poverty
- Initiatives to improve the lives of babies and Children in the first 1001 days through to primary school.
- Supporting and strengthening partnerships around health visiting and school nursing, working in partnership between the NHS and Public Health to make improvements in these vital roles.

### Living Well

- A renewed focus on cardiovascular disease and its causes which contribute to hundreds of avoidable deaths annually
- Working with partners across Places and Public Health to help our population maintain Healthy Weights
- Helping people in our population to quit smoking by supporting them with advice and alternatives

### People, Places & Communities

- A clear approach to engaging with our population at place and system levels
- Ensuring all of our diverse populations are represented with the creation of an ICS inclusivity framework
- Exploring citizen leadership and creating opportunities to develop decision making in our communities

### Our People

- Creating a joint workforce model for health and care to give our people fulfilling and varied career opportunities
- Widening access to employment and keeping the people we have by ensuring we provide great places to work
- Strengthening partnership working and new models of care for our staff, residents and their communities

### Leadership and Cultures

- Deliver our system equality, diversity and inclusion ambitions
- Use our leadership networks to accelerate the spread and adoption of system change
- Nurturing a shared learning culture to create the space to stimulate radical thinking, meaningful collaboration and bold action to tackle inequalities

### Outstanding Use of Resources

- Reduce the need for acute and specialist services through investment in preventative and wellbeing interventions
- Utilise digital innovation to deliver greater value for our population
- Make best use of our estates, community assets and anchor institutions by sharing capacity across our partnership

# About the Frimley Geography and System Partnership

**The organisations involved in planning and providing public services locally, are working together with the community to shape future improvements.**

Frimley Health and Care brings together Local Authorities, NHS organisations and the Voluntary Sector together with a clear shared ambition to work in partnership with local people, communities and staff to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, and to use our collective resources more effectively.

The system has a diverse population of over 800,000 people in a broad geography which spans East Berkshire from Bracknell to Slough, North East Hampshire, Farnham and Surrey Heath.

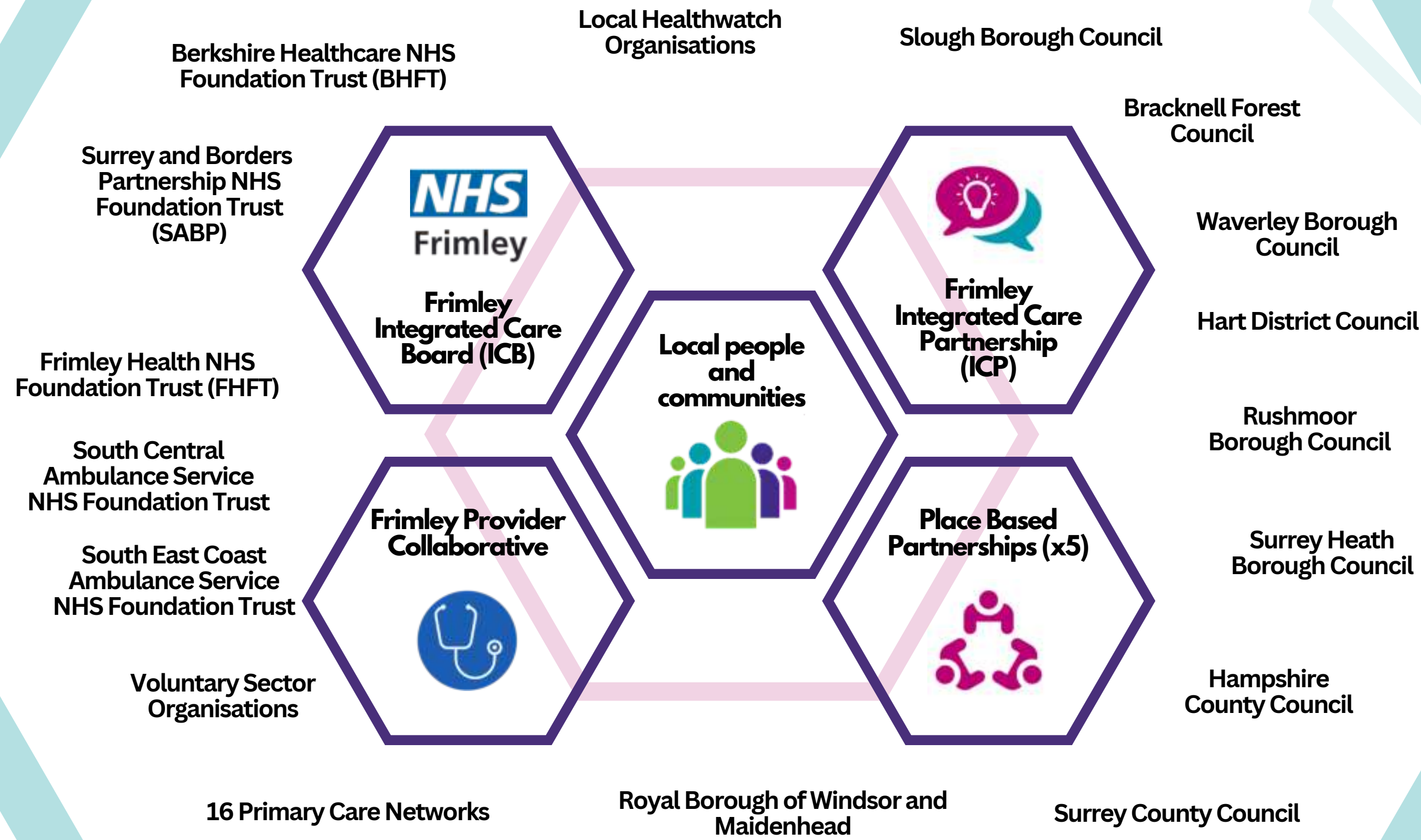
Our partnership, comprised of dozens of Public Sector and VCSE organisations, is led by committed clinical and professional leaders. We have been working together since 2016 when our very first partnership plan was published which set out our aspiration to unlock the benefits of greater partnership working and use our collective resources more effectively to improve the health of our population.

As a result, considerable progress has been made promoting health and wellbeing, improving care and services, and making services more efficient. We have brought people together to integrate services and work across organisational boundaries, regardless of the system and organisational architecture which regularly changes around us.

Given the challenges of the period since the last strategy was produced in 2019, the partnership has come together to create this newly revised and refreshed strategy. This new strategy builds on that work and describes the shared ambitions and priorities which will be delivered, and which will make the most difference to individual people's health and wellbeing.



# Frimley Health and Care Integrated Care System (ICS)



  
[Click here to learn more about our Partners](#)



## Creating Healthier Communities – The Frimley ICS Strategy

"**Creating Healthier Communities**" was published in 2019 as the first Frimley Health and Care ICS Strategy. The strategy was designed following significant co-production between partner organisations, the third sector, our workforce, patients and the public.

The strategy was heavily informed by the data and insight available from the Connected Care platform and led to the formation of six Strategic Ambitions which have comprised the programme architecture for strategy delivery between 2019 and 2022.



## Our Integrated Care Partnership (ICP)

The Frimley Integrated Care Partnership, established in July 2022 is a joint committee between upper tier Local Authorities in the Frimley ICS geography and the NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board. At its core is an ICP Assembly, bringing together clinical and professional leaders of public sector, voluntary sector and charitable organisations which have an interest in improving the health and wellbeing of over 800,000 people who reside in the Frimley ICS geography. The ICP provides a platform for a broad range of stakeholders who are committed to making this ambition a reality.

Building on our engagement with our partners, we have established the Frimley ICP to have a strategic role, considering what arrangements work best in our local area by creating a dedicated forum to enhance relationships between leaders across the health and care system.

The agreed remit for the ICP is to:

- Consider and set the strategic intent of the partnership; act as final approver of the ICS Strategy, including the proposed programmes of work, outcomes and intended benefits
- Act as an objective 'guardian' of the ICS vision and values, putting the populations needs and the successful operation of the ICS ahead of any sector or organisation specific areas of focus.
- Provide a forum for consideration of wider determinants of health and health inequalities, taking fullest advantage of the opportunities arising to hear the views and perspectives of the broadest range of local stakeholders and democratic representatives.

**The assembly will ensure a voice for those who speak on behalf of their communities and bring a very new approach to the design of our strategy. The Assembly met for the first time in September 2022 and again in November 2022, primarily to progress the consideration and production of this refreshed strategy document.**

Click here to read more about the 'Creating Healthier Communities' strategy published in 2019



# Partnership engagement

On Tuesday 22nd November, the second Frimley ICP Assembly took place at South Hill Park Arts Centre in Bracknell. The event brought together over 50 members of the ICP, representing local Health, Care, Local Authority, Healthwatch and Voluntary Sector organisations from across the Frimley Geography. Through a face to face facilitated workshop, Assembly Members from across the ICS met together to:

- Understand the journey so far on the development of the ICS strategy
- Explore what has changed since the co-production of the strategy in 2019
- Enable ICP Assembly members to co-design the key areas of focus for our ICS strategy refresh

The feedback gathered during this session and from other stakeholders who weren't able to join on the day, has been used to support and shape the development of this strategy refresh.



## Collective feedback

- The language, messages and engagement of the strategy need to be translated into something our population wants to embrace. We must **hear the voice of our population** to support co design of solutions
- The strategy must be **inclusive of all partners** to provide transparency and collective opportunity across the system
- Improved understanding of the current landscape and assets is important so we can make connections and **understand multiple partner perspectives**
- Stronger working with the **voluntary sector** is imperative
- The future is uncertain - we must be **open and honest about the reality we face** - both in terms of challenging economic situation and increased demand on services



Raise the aspirations of our children and young people  
**Hear the children and young person's voice**  
 Support the next generation - quality of life post 16  
**Greater working synergy with education**

What does living well mean to our adults and older population?  
**This cohort often has the greatest health needs - how do we better engage?**  
 Feels very disease focussed - should this be more about wider determinants?  
**Dual aim for this ambition - Living healthily and living well**

We need a VCSE Alliance to support these conversations  
**Understand the unique aspects of community assets, needs and priorities**  
 Stronger links with Secondary Care to support community needs when discharged  
**Stronger links with Local Authority and Primary Care Networks (PCNs)**

What can we do to support a wider staff network including voluntary sector?  
**How can we tackle the temporary staffing problem as a system & across system?**  
 How can we consider incentives to live and work in Frimley?  
**We need a shared narrative across partners**

Values must reflect our 'collective' organisation  
**Exposure to more people. We need the reach out to learn how we can change culture**  
 How is value demonstrated and who is best placed to express this?  
**Improved visibility of what's happening across the system?**

How far can and should we share money and resources?  
**Co-design of joint investment models**  
 Promotion of economic growth, shared goals and objectives  
**How do we have an honest conversation with the public?**

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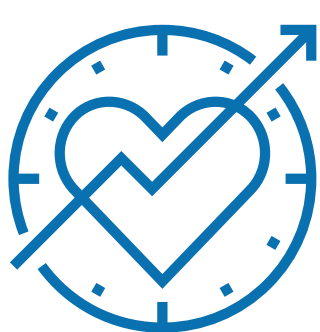


# Frimley population insights



Population  
800,000

Increasing by 6.4% by 2036 - about 47,000 people - with the largest increases in the over 60's and 13-18 age group



Life expectancy  
81 84  
Healthy life expectancy  
66.8 67.4

People that live in recognised areas of deprivation will often have poorer outcomes and on average will have a lower healthy life expectancy. Most of our population don't live in areas of deprivation. All areas contain pockets of deprivation, but they can be less visible due to nearby affluence. In Slough there are many more people living in deprivation.



Over 30% of the population are in the 10% least deprived in society

Around 3% of the population live in the most deprived areas of England



## Healthy life expectancy at birth



## About the population across our 5 places

	% from BAME ethnicity groups	% living in deprivation (IMD deciles 1-4)	% over 65	% in households of 5+ people
Bracknell Forest	11%	4%	14%	26%
North East Hampshire and Farnham	11%	13%	17%	28%
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	16%	5%	17%	32%
Slough	61%	61%	9%	52%
Surrey Heath	12%	7%	18%	28%
Whole population	23%	19%	15%	34%

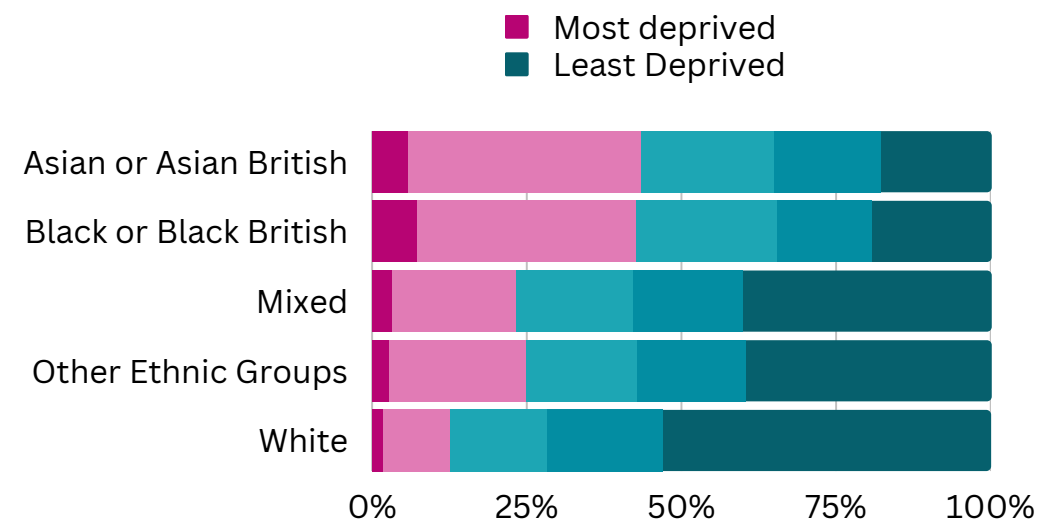
# Frimley population insights: wider determinants of health



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## BAME cohorts are 2.6x more likely to live in deprived areas

**33.1% of BAME residents** live in deprivation deciles 1-4 compared to **12.6% for White residents**. Some key communities with known health inequalities are much more likely to live in deprived areas. For example, the **Gypsy Roma Traveller** community is almost seven times more likely to live in the most deprived areas. Another example of this disparity can be seen in the **Nepalese** community where it is three times more likely.



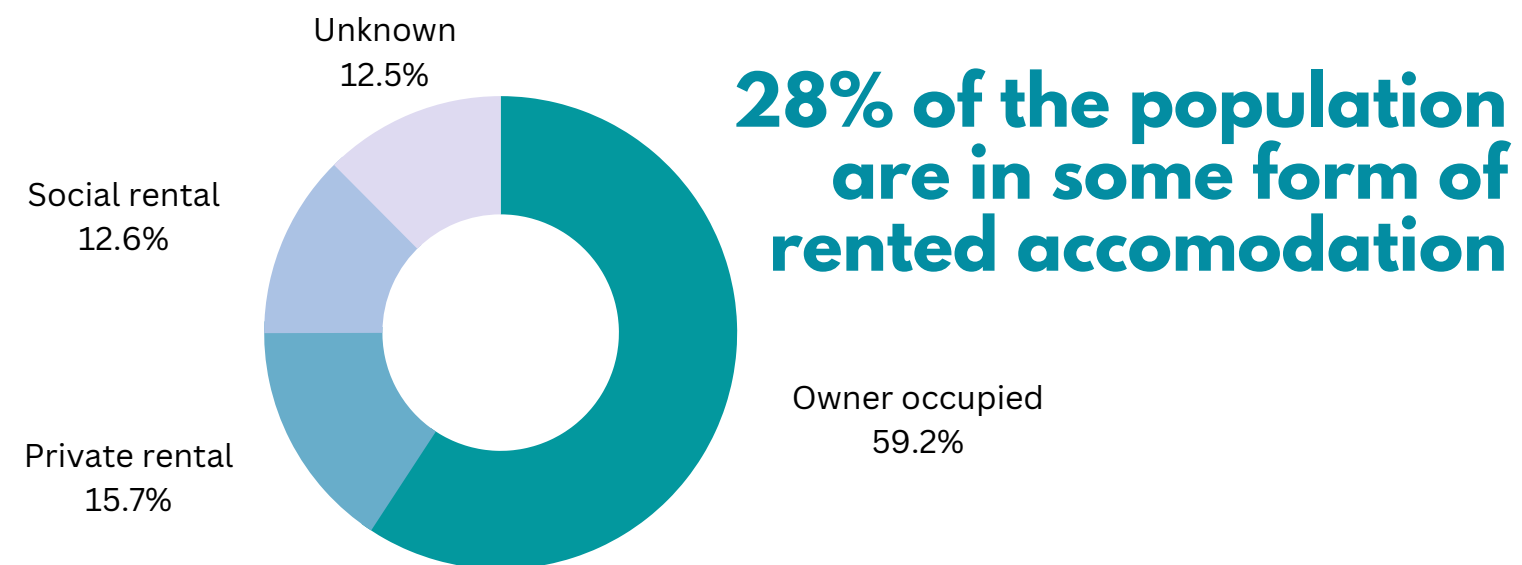
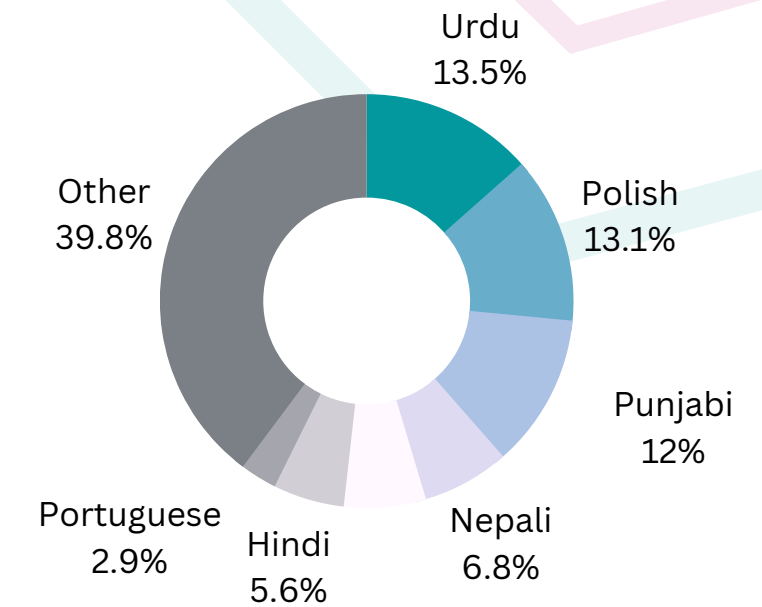
**56k** residents are at risk of **fuel poverty**  
These patients are living in deprived areas and poorly insulated homes

**1.4% (700) have significant health issues**  
**17.1% (9,500) have moderate health issues**  
**76.5% (43,000) are generally healthy**

## There are 122 different spoken languages in our population

**98,000 residents in our ICS do not have English as their main spoken language**, the most common are **Urdu, Polish and Punjabi**.

Language barriers can impact a persons' ability to access and navigate health and care services



**28% of the population are in some form of rented accomodation**

**10.6% of the population are smokers**



**7.5% medium to high alcohol consumption**



In areas of deprivation we see a higher prevalence of smoking and obesity (but lower alcohol consumption). Non-white ethnicities tend to have lower alcohol consumption and are less likely to smoke (or have COPD). Smoking and alcohol rates are based on what is reported in GP records.

**5.8% of the population have a BMI over 35**



# Frimley population insights: deprivation, ethnicity and disease prevalence



There is a strong association for **Diabetes, COPD, Heart failure** and many other conditions with deprivation. We also see lower prevalence rates for Cancer and Atrial Fibrillation which could reflect under-diagnosis.

**On average, we see many conditions are between 1.5-2.5 times more common in deprived areas versus affluent areas after adjusting for age and sex of the populations**

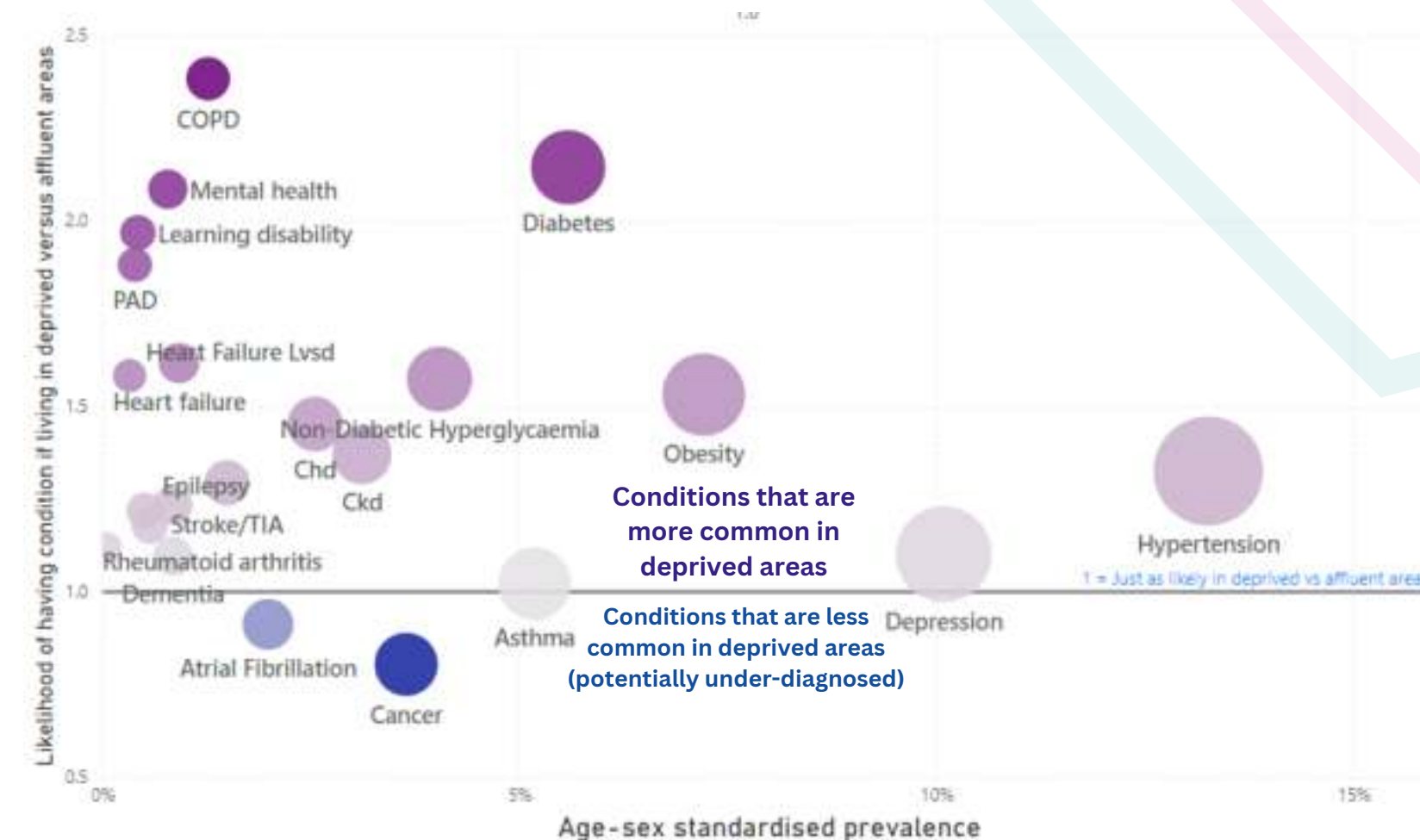
When looking at **ethnicity data** we notice the following:

- Asian / Asian British notably higher for Diabetes, Non Diabetic Hyperglycemia and Coronary Heart Disease (CHD), lower for depression, COPD and Atrial Fibrillation
- Black / Black British notably higher for Diabetes, Hypertension, Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and Obesity, lower for COPD, Depression and Atrial Fibrillation

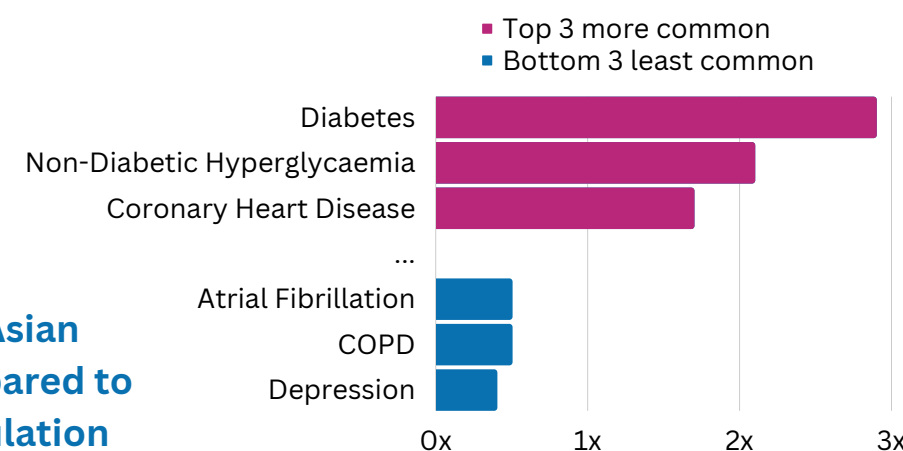
Slough compared to other parts of the system is **younger, higher % BAME, more densely populated** and **multigenerational households** and **more deprived**.

Adjusting for age and sex, **Slough has significantly higher prevalence of a wide range of conditions and risk factors**. There are strong associations between deprivation, ethnicity and prevalence of conditions such as diabetes and hypertension.

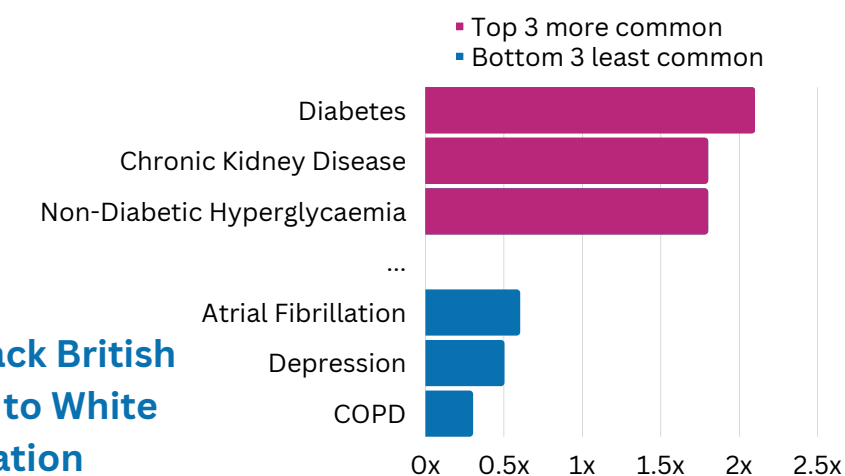
Increased prevalence of chronic diseases lead to **health inequalities** as well as disproportionate risk of impact from community transmitted conditions such as Covid-19.



**Asian or Asian British compared to White population**



**Black or Black British compared to White population**





# Frimley population insights: cancer, diabetes, hypertension

Those in the most deprived population have a lower percentage of **cancer referrals** made from all sources including National Screening programs and GPs, compared to the least deprived population (quintile 5). A greater percentage of diagnosed cancers are referred from Consultants or AE departments for deprived cohorts. This can mean cancers being detected at a later stage.

For certain care processes such as **cervical screening**, achievement is lower within the 20% most deprived population, which could suggest more effort is needed to reach these communities. For care processes such as **BMI and blood pressure reviews**, there is greater achievement in the more deprived population.

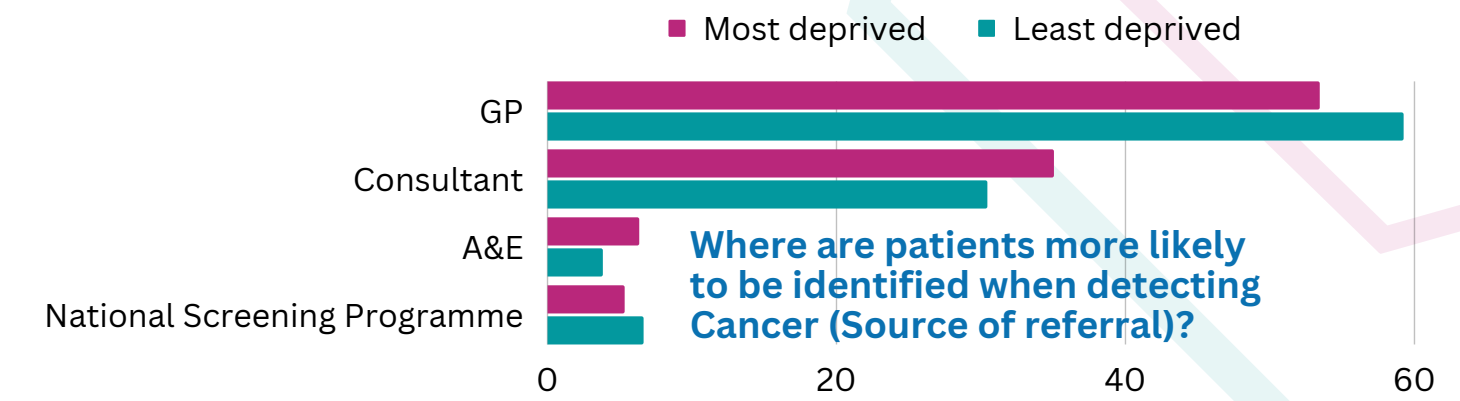
Control of **Diabetes**, however, in the Core 20 population deteriorated the most during the first year of the pandemic. The proportion of patients with **HBA1C** <=58 fell from 61.2% in Nov 2019 to 57.4% in Nov 2020. It is now improving but still below pre-pandemic levels.

This deterioration was not seen as strongly in the least deprived population, and we now have a larger variation in control of diabetes compared to pre-pandemic.

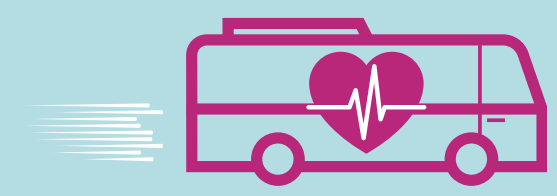
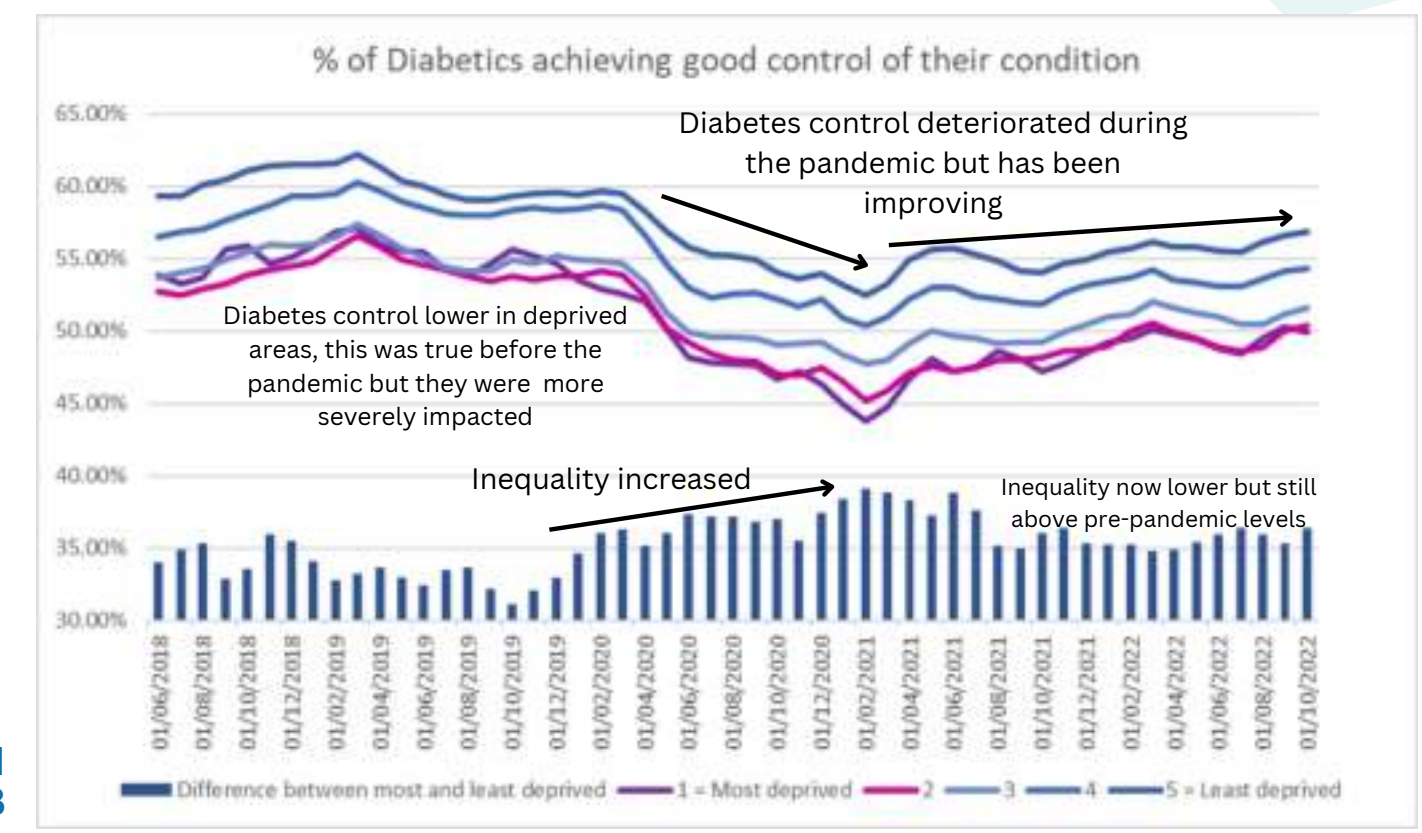
In Frimley, we have been very focused on **improving detection, monitoring and treatment** of hypertension and diabetes. By utilising a wide range of local innovations we have seen a very encouraging return to growth in achievement of these indicators in Summer 2022.



Trend in proportion of patients with a recorded HBA1C with a value <=58



Where are patients more likely to be identified when detecting Cancer (Source of referral)?



Throughout the Summer of 2022 a **Blood Pressure Bus** visited various sites across the system. Trained professionals were able to offer testing in local community settings. They also offered advice, began treatment as required and entered test results directly into digital patient records – checks included: Pulse, BMI and Smoking applying 'Make Every Contact Count' principles.

The bus visited **16 locations** across Frimley and reached over **1200 people**

## Strategic ambition one: **Starting Well**

The purpose of **Starting Well** is to work towards **improving outcomes** for children and families. The plan is to work closely with communities across our population by engaging effectively with community groups, voluntary sector organisations and families. Our aim is to better understand the driving factors behind differing health outcomes and particularly barriers to opportunity and healthier choices, and improve **equity** across Frimley, taking a **co-produced, asset-based** approach to make a positive impact.

Our stakeholder events highlighted a number of areas of focus, particularly the pre-conception and early years and our agreed priorities are **vulnerable children and families** and **childhood obesity**.

By promoting the **habits of a healthy family** we aim to maximise the many opportunities that health, education and care professionals have to interact with families and **influence behaviour** including diet, oral health, supporting breast feeding and reducing smoking, particularly smoking in pregnancy.

We want to **build on the existing resources** that families and children have available, reducing confusion by having a 'single front door' and developing an accessible suite of tools, translated and available for all of our families.

We want to **work with places** which understand their population and can build on existing local initiatives.





# Starting Well

## Achievements

The **Equity Plan** is a key foundation for Starting Well. The detailed analysis of population and workforce highlighted differences relating to ethnicity and deprivation, for example that women in Slough are half as likely to be taking folic acid during pregnancy as women in Bracknell. Our workforce who are from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds are less likely to be represented in higher paying roles and over-represented at more junior positions. We worked collaboratively with our Maternity Voices Partnership holding focus groups with local women in Slough and Rushmoor to co-produce the Equity Plan and we are now starting to implement this by:

- promoting cultural awareness, ally-ship and being an active bystander
- planning a series of communication & engagement events for women and families in Slough
- Reviewing and improving resources and use of translators to ensure all women and families can access care

Building on the successful **Innovation Fund** programme we developed a Children, Young People and Families innovation fund with community groups and voluntary sector organisations who work with children and young people. This provided an opportunity to share insight, support and learning with this cohort of community groups and a networking forum.

The 17 projects which were funded included:

- Chalvey Action, Food and Fun family events
- Thames Hospice family days for bereaved children and families
- Projects creating green spaces, wildflower and vegetable gardens

The development of the **Frimley Healthier Together** website has created a single front door for digital resources for both families and professionals, coupled with the Maternity Website we have a comprehensive library of information verbally translatable through 'Recite Me'. In addition successful campaigns and resources have included:

- Ready for Pregnancy and Parenthood -started in Frimley and expanded across the South East. Physical translated resources developed and shared through community venues
- Solihull parenting modules, translated in a variety of languages - with over 2000 registered learners
- Maternity personalised care app launched in October 22 has over 1200 downloads. Enabling personal decision making and signposting to wider resources

The focus on **Healthy Behaviours** has included:

- Development of a Frimley wide '**Healthy Weight**' group bringing together place leads to share their initiatives and map existing assets. Healthy weight was a core priority for Starting Well. National Child Measurement Programme data has demonstrated high levels of over-weight and obesity particularly for children living in Slough and Rushmoor.
- We are delivering '**This Mum Moves**' training across our 5 Health Visiting and our maternity teams and bringing together a focus on Gestational Diabetes within Maternity.
- Our continued **Smoke-free pregnancy collaborative** initiatives have resulted in the lowest smoking in pregnancy rates in the South-East. We work closely with the specialist stop smoking services and are implementing a new offer for women in line with the Long Term Plan

During COVID we know that women often felt isolated after pregnancy, and we continue to work across Public Health, Health Visiting and Midwifery teams and closely with our Maternity Voices Partnership and are developing antenatal and peer support for families on the areas which worry them, such as breast feeding support.



The **Frimley Maternity Plan app** was co-produced with local midwives, women, and the Maternity Voices Partnership, and is being used by women who are pregnant and receiving their maternity care from Frimley Health.

**1148 downloads in the first 4 weeks after launch**



The app is a space to help record what matters to the user, plan their pregnancy, explore pregnancy choices, access useful links and resources and plan ahead for discussion with their care team.



# Starting Well

## Priorities

The development of the new ICS Children and Young People (CYP) portfolio transformation plan marked a clear **call to action**. As the ICS looks forward, we are raising the importance of our work to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

There is a clear case for greater and faster transformation of CYP care and services:

- A quarter of our population are CYP
- We know that there is variation in the care of CYP and their outcomes that we must tackle
- The pandemic has widened existing health inequalities and worsened the health of our CYP, particularly their mental health
- The cost-of-living crisis is affecting low-income households and puts the health of children at greater risk
- The health and care services that we provide to CYP are struggling to meet demand

Our call to action comes with optimism about what we can collectively achieve. It has been shaped and developed by the key partners and stakeholders who will be instrumental in delivering it. They are committed to ensuring this plan succeeds and transforms the lives of Children and Young People across Frimley. The ICS has invested in a small team of experts to help lead its delivery, in partnership with our 5 places, voluntary sector, local authority and service leads.

This is an ambitious programme, shaped and agreed by the Place and CYP leads from across the system, with the support of colleagues in neighbouring ICSs. Their commitment is to work together to deliver this programme, alongside their day-to-day responsibilities for managing and leading Children's services across the ICS. As part of the Children and Young People portfolio review and subsequent strategy, a clear direction of travel and programme has been developed with 5 areas of focus, which includes Starting Well.

1. Starting well
2. Transforming neurodiversity services
3. Transforming CYP mental health
4. Supporting children with life long conditions
5. Improving SEND

Starting Well Priorities include:

- Addressing health inequalities through a focused approach to meeting the needs of vulnerable children who experience deprivation and poverty across our communities, including the newly published Core20PLUS5 framework for children.
- Babies and Children in the first 1001 days through to primary school, ensuring that every child is "school ready" for when they are ready to enter the education system
- Supporting and strengthening partnerships around health visiting and school nursing.

### Children and young people in Frimley

**Across Frimley ICS there are around 8,000 births a year**

**Slough has the highest fertility rate in England**

**1500 of those aged 0-19 are known to smoke**

**More than 8,000 children aged under 10 are currently living in deprivation and in poorly insulated homes**

**The prevalence of mental health has increased during the pandemic. 16% aged 5-16 now estimated to have a disorder, compared with 11% in 2017**

**Approximately 15% of pupils have a special educational need**

**26% are from a BAME background. Ethnic diversity varies greatly. (13% in Bracknell Forest, 60% in Slough)**



# Starting Well

## Benefits and sustainability

Children get the very best support for their health and care needs through the first 1001 days of life, beyond and through to primary school, enabling them to make the most of opportunities to thrive and flourish. We are committed to ensuring that childhood inequalities will be identified and addressed including those highlighted in Core 20 plus 5 framework for children (see adjacent panel).

There will be a joined up leadership approach across local authorities voluntary sector and health, connected with places to share initiatives and good practice. Our collaborative endeavour will enable consideration of options to optimise and support public health nursing workforce.

Starting Well will work alongside interdependent programs to deliver the following benefits:

- Local Maternity and neonatal System which will be delivering our perinatal Equity Plan focusing on resources, service delivery and workforce.
- Physical Health CYP-addressing conditions highlighted in the Core20plus5 framework for children
- Mental health CYP-addressing inequalities in access to CYP services

The benefits will include:

- Collaboration where partners can share good practice and collectively influence change
- A thriving and connected community and voluntary sector offer for families
- Improvement in health outcomes including healthy weight rates
- Supported families
- Accessible digital and physical translated resources including the Healthier Together platform
- Better understanding of public health nursing workforce challenges and consideration of opportunities to transform

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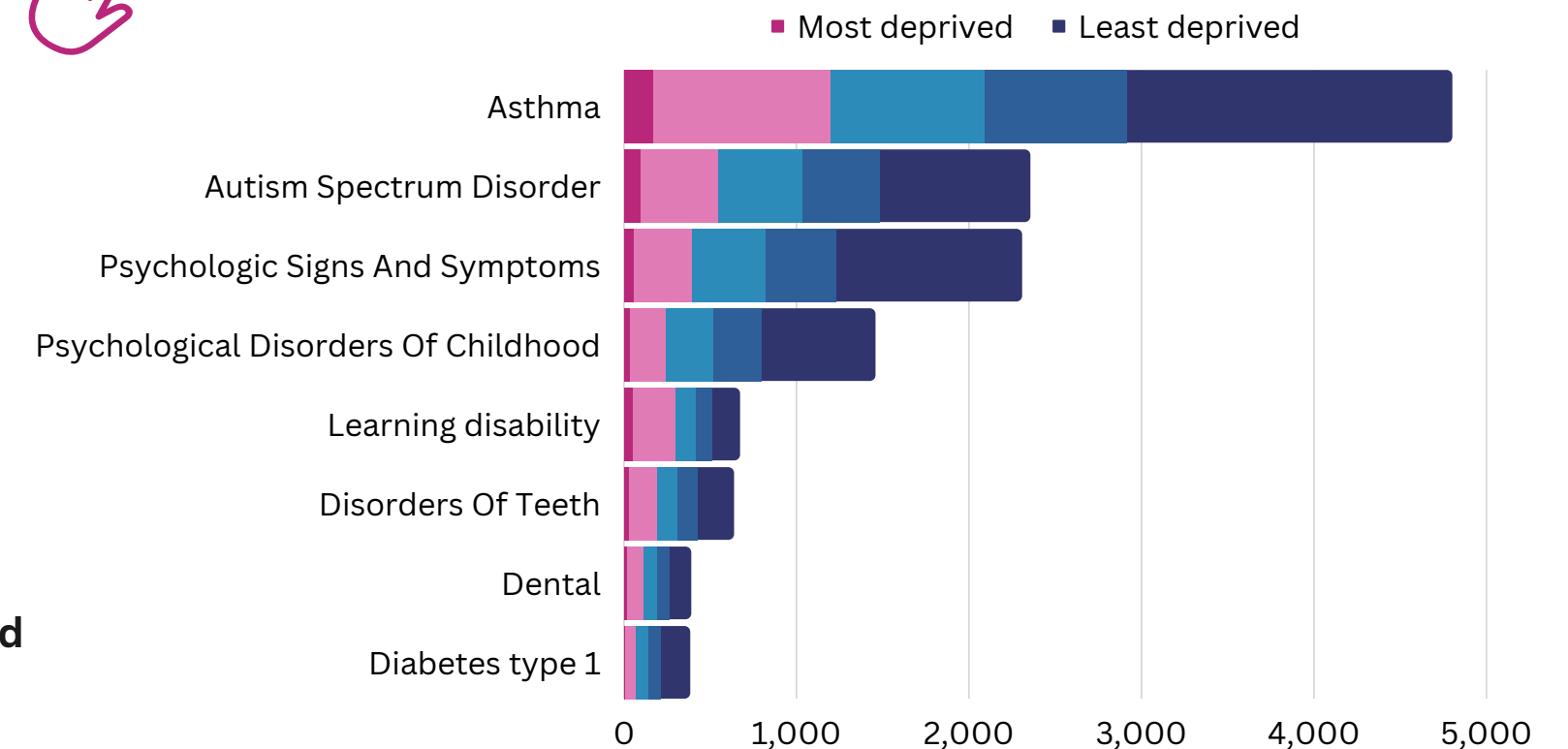
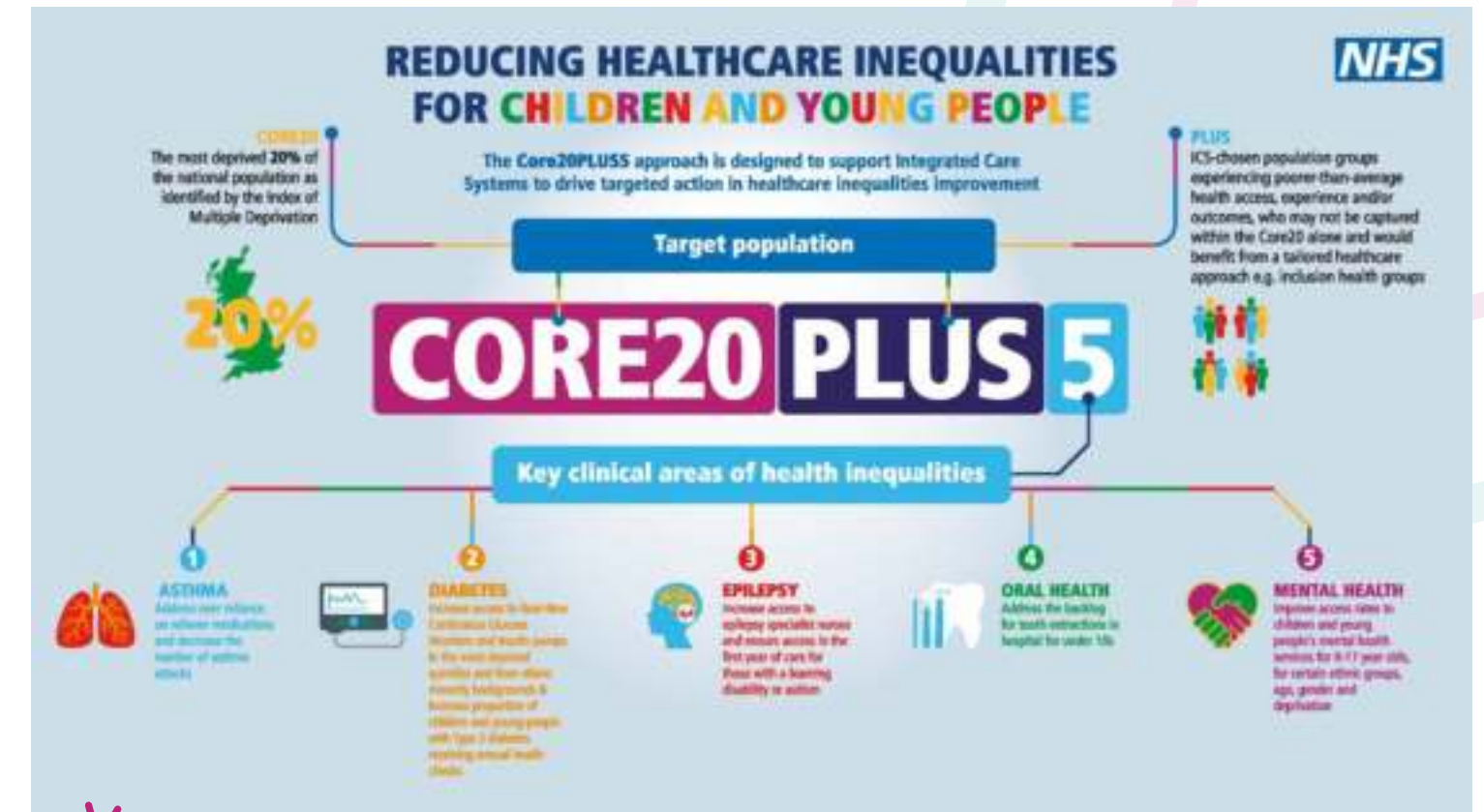
Children in  
our ICS

# 33k

Children living in our  
most deprived areas  
(IMD deciles 1-4)

# 11.7k

Children with conditions mentioned  
in the Core20Plus5 strategy, of  
whom 2.6k are also deprived





## Strategic ambition two: Living Well

The long-term sustainability of our health and social care system depends on people living longer in good health. Our aim is to identify and target the cohorts of people where physical and mental health problems can be prevented or outcomes improved with a focus on deprivation, inequalities and those with most complex needs. Data shows we have stark intra-area health inequalities, with poor, and worsening, health and wellbeing outcomes in our more deprived communities and other groups.

We want to help tackle the root causes of lifestyle behaviors, working together, to provide personalised support to address them. Co-productions with our communities is an aspiration that shifts to a culture of prevention and self-care. We need to move away from a system that simply treats illness but works towards prevention, helping to create the right conditions to support residents and patients to live longer in good health. Health is about more than healthcare alone we must work in partnership with residents, local government, voluntary sector and wider stakeholders to reduce health inequalities through addressing the wider social determinants of health.

The challenges presented by the pandemic also meant that existing health inequalities have been compounded, those who are at risk of poor outcomes with long term conditions or health behaviors that are amenable to change. The Ambition therefore supports our general aims around helping develop strong, resilient and healthy communities. A system focus on effective primary prevention measures is crucial and a systematic and coherent preventative approach is necessary – not just looking at interventions that focus on individual behaviours but delivering a strategic approach to healthy places, strengthening and connecting into communities in a better way.

We aim to take a Population Health Management (PHM) approach to embed decision making based on evidence, across the development and monitoring of our programmes.

Individuals need strong stimuli to support their own health improvement and an environment that makes it possible. Places need to engage robustly with their communities about why living well is more challenging and what can be done to improve it. We will need to harness behavioral science and social messaging to support such changes.

Our ambition is to Improve the health and wellbeing of the poorest and sickest fastest.





# Living Well

## Achievements

To make a difference to health inequalities, those communities who are most affected need to be central to everything we do. Different solutions are needed for different communities with support for the most vulnerable and excluded people. We need a two-way approach: engaging with communities to share key public health messages and information, but also listening and learning from the communities themselves to understand their concerns/needs/views on how we can best partner with them and consequently bringing that learning back in a timely way to enable further responsive change.

### Cardio Vascular Disease (CVD) Prevention

- Places are developing a tailored partnership plan to tackle hypertension (with links to NHS Health Checks and other modifiable risk factors)
- Building on our campaign work, targeting groups at a higher risk of CVD (Measurement month, Hypertension Day, Know Your Numbers, Smoking)
- Videos, leaflets, posters and Communications toolkit developed for hypertension
- Developing different community hypertension pilots including a Pharmacy BP Service
- Remote monitoring of Blood pressure directly entered into the patient's clinical record
- Aligning to Core20PLUS5, to accelerate and augment implementation of the approach
- Making progress against NHS LTP high impact actions for stroke & cardiac care

### Lifestyle

- Healthy Conversations - Making Every Contact Count
- Embedded the NHS Digital Weight Management Programme. Our ICS has the greatest uptake across the country.
- Whole Systems Approach to Obesity (WSATO) workshops delivered to tackle drivers of obesity
- Working closely with Sports Partnerships to address physical inactivity
- Smokefree Group established to reduce smoking prevalence and implement the NHS Long Term Plan objectives relating to tobacco (Inpatient and Maternity Tobacco Dependency Service)
- Community Stop Smoking Services
- Alcohol hospital specialist service and brief interventions
- Community Asset Based Approaches in Local Authority to support communities

### Benefits already being seen and the impact on our communities:

- Closer collaboration and partnership working with Health, local government and the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector will facilitate a more holistic, joined up approach to managing the health and wellbeing of all residents
- An improvement in health literacy and outcomes resulting in better prevention and self-management
- Our most vulnerable cohorts and populations have improved physical and mental health outcomes
- Strengthening communities through recognising, identifying and harnessing existing 'assets' - building trust, networks in the community
- Ensure people have the skills, confidence and support to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing

### Identified Outcomes:

- Health and Care Strategies across places, will align to the Ambition, bringing people together against an evidence base and a prioritised set of ambitions
- Strengthening the ability of the NHS to deliver prevention activities, e.g. workplace health, the influence of Anchor Institutions
- Residents feel more engaged, which supports delivery and helps improve outcomes and quality of life for people and communities
- An improvement in health literacy and outcomes resulting in better prevention and self-management
- Increased evidence-based decision making to improve health and act on inequalities
- Improved health outcomes of the most marginalised e.g. Sustained smoking cessation, healthy weight and physical activity
- Improved detection and management CVD risk factors
- Improvement in physical literacy
- Prevention of other non-communicable diseases
- Increase in the number of patients who achieve a 4-week quit that began in hospital



# Living Well

## Priorities

Despite the challenges of Covid, the Living Well ambition has made strong progress, building on the momentum of our previous partnership work together to hone in on those populations who can most benefit from this approach.

The work of the partnership to systematically identify specific population health improvements, most particularly with regard to **hypertension, obesity and tobacco** will make a step change in the long-term population health for local people and their families. The learning we have generated during the last three years will continue to be an important foundation for our future aspirations of working together, as we seek to scale and spread our interventions in order to reduce health inequalities and improve healthy life expectancy.

A system focus on **effective primary prevention measures** is crucial and a systematic and coherent preventative approach is necessary – not just looking at interventions that focus on individual behaviours but delivering a strategic approach to healthy places, strengthening and connecting into communities in a better way.

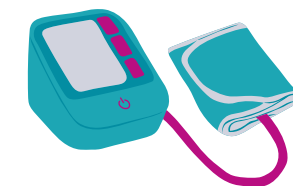
The Living Well ambition is delivered locally at each ‘Place’ but within a collective systematic approach. 9 Priorities included in the ‘Living Well’ Framework:

1. Smoking
2. Education, Employment and income deprivation
3. Reducing Health Inequalities
4. Obesity (incl. healthy diet) and Physical Inactivity
5. Family/social support
6. Targeted lifestyle support for those with the greatest need
7. Built environment
8. Healthy Hospital Strategy
9. Air Pollution

We will be continuing with our 3 main priority areas (**CVD Prevention, Healthy Weights, Smoking**). The priorities give a rounded mix of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention interventions. They contribute to the outcomes expressed in the Living Well framework and help address health inequalities.

Places have indicated other priorities from the framework, and that will continue, and these are priorities we will focus on together, collaboratively; the common thread across the 5 Places, to maximise the opportunities and impact.

- **Focussing on Health Inequalities** - to improve and reduce variation in health outcomes across disease areas in our system aligning to the CORE20PLUS5 approach
- Support Health Improvement **behaviour change programmes** across the ICS
- **Healthy Conversations** – opportunistically encouraging individuals to consider their lifestyle and health with a view to identifying small but important changes.
- Identify communities and priorities in common with other ambitions particularly **Starting Well** and **Community Deal**
- Support **community engagement** with groups with poorer health & wellbeing outcomes to understand barriers and **co-produce solutions**
- Develop our capability to co-produce solutions to the **wider determinants** that cause poor lifestyle behaviours, which will be enabled by the Community Deal
- **Social Prescribing** to support vulnerable people, linking with community hubs.
- Ensure addressing **prevention** and **inequalities** is everybody’s business
- Focus on addressing **equalities and inclusion** issues to ensure uptake (wider preventative interventions) is maximised in all communities
- Roll out **Tobacco Dependency programme**, to ensure the provision of a resilient, sustainable programme that supports more people to quit smoking.
- Renewed commitment to **smoke free sites** across our services and develop a tobacco control and e-cigarette strategy
- Develop a Frimley ICS **Healthy Weights Strategy** and action plan and delivery of the Health promotion campaign work
- Enhance **Physical Activity awareness** in secondary care – moving towards activity prescription in clinical practice and training for staff
- Explore **staff offers** of support around: Smoking, Healthy Weight and hypertension





# Living Well

## Benefits and sustainability

- Better health outcomes and lower health inequalities and variation across our population
- Preventing people from dying prematurely and a reduction in preventable ill health
- Improved design of our programmes to increase access reduce inequity focusing on health promotion, prevention, and the wider determinants of health
- Health and Social Care services will be co designed to improve access, experiences and outcomes, for these communities
- Intervening early to reduce prevalence and severity of long-term conditions and to manage them more proactively Promoting self-care and taking responsibility for your own health for those that can
- Improved health status of the population by raising awareness of health risks, availability of services, to change behaviour
- Increased evidence-based decision making to improve health and act on inequalities
- A community approach to promoting healthy weight in children, young people and families helping our communities live healthier and more active lives
- Engaging with communities to maximise use of community assets
- Increased physical activity and improved healthier eating as part of treatment regimens working towards personalised centred goals
- Better support for under-served and vulnerable groups to improve their health and improve equity - Building trust, networks in the community
- Health and Care Strategies, will align bringing people together against an evidence base and a prioritised set of ambitions
- Delivery of work based prevention activities to improve staff health and wellbeing and reduce staff absence
- Contribute to the prevention of other non-communicable diseases
- Sustained increase in referrals to existing community stop smoking services and the number of patients who achieve a 4-week quit

**Core20PLUS5 is a national NHS England approach to support the reduction of health inequalities at both national and system level. The approach defines a target population cohort and identifies '5' focus clinical areas requiring accelerated improvement.**





## Strategic ambition three: **People, Places and Communities**

In 2019 this ambition started as the **Community Deal**, inspired by the work in Wigan and elsewhere in the country to focus on a new relationship with local communities. Over the last three years, this work has evolved and taken on a more local direction. In order to better reflect the work being undertaken we propose to change the ambition name to 'People, Places and Communities'.

Through the work of this ambition, Frimley Health and Care ICS has started to **build different relationships** with its communities and residents, as well as with its own staff, to work towards Creating Healthier Communities through relationships at neighbourhood, place and system level. More than anything this ambition is about **how we work with communities**, as an enabler to deliver on the other five ambitions to achieve the outcomes we have set. Collectively we will bring together local authority, voluntary sector, health, and wider partners such as housing, education, and employers to tackle health inequalities using population health management, data insight and focusing on the wider determinants of health to bring about **practical and tangible improvements** in the health and wellbeing of the people who live and work here.

Building on the expertise of our partners we will create **inclusive relationships** with communities across our diverse system at grassroots level, to harness individuals' and communities' strengths and assets through co-design and co-production finding solutions for our communities to help them live healthier lives, taking more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing. Fostering innovation through a range of **place-based initiatives** which support the population, linked with early intervention, reducing disparity, or focusing on preventative health and social care.

The ambition also supports the commitment to creating a system where **people are treated as individuals** by professionals they trust, and where people with 'lived experience' are often best placed to feedback to services on what will make a positive difference to their lives. It ensures that the voice of people with lived experience is integral to the development and delivery of personalised care, modelling the shift in relationship and supporting the culture change required to be people centered.



# People, Places and Communities

The ambition to build new relationships with local people and communities, recognises that real change in the quality of people's lives cannot be achieved by organisations alone – everyone has a role to play. Over the last three years the 'Community Deal' ambition has focused on the principle of “doing with,” not “doing to” people, encouraging people, families, and communities to take more responsibility for themselves and each other so that everyone can live in healthy and thriving communities.

Our original strategy was published just before the Covid-19 pandemic, and it is impossible for us to look back and understand the changes that have happened since then without understanding this context. Early in the pandemic, and particularly during the first lockdown, there was a blossoming of community support and activity aimed at protecting everyone in the community, ensuring people's basic needs for food, medicines and care were met. supporting people to remain socially connected to avoid isolation and loneliness. As the pandemic progressed this translated into more formal volunteering through Covid vaccination clinics, providing vital support during the dark days of winter to ensure our most vulnerable communities were protected. Across our population vaccination uptake was high and although new strains of Covid emerged that were more transmissible but less severe, life for the majority returned more or less to normal but being mindful that for those who have family and friends or are living with Long Covid, this may not be the case. However, we are still understanding and learning to live with the longer-term impact of the pandemic, on public health, and the wider determinants of health which fundamentally define and shape our quality of life.

The Pandemic has impacted the delivery of this ambition and has led to the emergence of new and changed needs across our populations. With the increasingly constrained public finances, there has never been a greater need to focus on prevention and early intervention and encourage individuals to take more responsibility for looking after themselves and each other, so that we can live in healthy and thriving communities

We aim to deliver this ambition by:

- Promoting the principle that everyone has a part to play in building and creating healthier communities concentrating on improving health and wellbeing.
- Delivering the narrative for the system on what we aim to achieve and how.
- Building on our progress on developing and spreading population health management approaches.
- Drawing in a wider range of partners through our place-based partnerships, to better coordinate and enrich the support we all provide to our communities.
- Working with local communities to identify and build on existing community assets at neighbourhood and place level.
- Developing effective co-production and co-design methodology and capability across all partners of the system
- Empowering staff to have a different conversation with individuals and communities.
- Giving individuals and communities the freedom to innovate, and design offers and services that meet their needs, supporting independence and what people do for themselves.
- Delivering personalised care by building new relationships and shifting the power in decision making.

By developing this approach, it will enable the delivery of the Starting Well and Living Well ambitions.



**NHS Charities Community Partnership Grants and Innovation funding** supported a range of place-based initiatives that foster the concept of community/ voluntary sector support to build a stronger co-production approach. The funding was linked to supporting early intervention, reducing inequality, or focusing on preventative health and social care, with a particular emphasis on diversity within the population.

**£500,000 total funding in 2021-22**  
supporting 60 projects across Frimley





# People, Places and Communities

## Achievements

As an enabler, the Community Deal has been deployed in diverse ways across the five places and within their neighbourhoods, working with other programmes like Starting well, living well, NHS Charities Community Partnership Grants and Personalisation, to have a different conversation and engagement with residents and communities.

The last two years have been challenging due to the pandemic and has had devastating impacts on individuals and families. We have seen people spontaneously volunteering to do shopping for their neighbours, collect prescriptions or pick up the phone and have a conversation and because of that, vulnerable people were identified and supported before their needs escalated into crisis. Each place has engaged with communities at various levels and in diverse ways based on the needs emerging from the pandemic community engagement. Examples across the system include:

- Community Based Assets workshop focus on poverty, children and young people and loneliness
- Development of community champions and #One Slough
- Royal Borough Windsor and Maidenhead creating #RBWMTtogether with residents engaged in World Cafes identifying resident solutions through asset-based community development methods
- Bracknell Forest Thriving Communities programme focusses on collaboration: creating better outcomes through better partnerships to deliver improved health and wellbeing outcomes and reductions in health inequalities
- Healthier Communities in North East Hampshire and Farnham in conjunction with the local district and borough councils focusing on hypertension, mental health, and physical activity.
- Building local capability, learning with partners, on the concept of a “community deal.” through collaborative and creative work with communities with the poorest health outcomes in Surrey Heath
- Place are aligned with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy to enable empowered and thriving communities, and to ensure a cross-cutting approach on co-production, Co-design and Community led action.
- A Discovery Learning Programme for primary care, community members and local partners to create the conditions for Health Creation by working as equal partners with local people and focusing on what matters to them and their communities.
- Introduction of the Collaborative Practice Programme using population health management to understand and manage demand of services by our ‘frequent attenders’ and those suffering the greatest health inequalities to offer a service that meets their needs

Key areas of development across the system:

- The narrative setting out what the Community Deal is and what it means in Frimley is on the Frimley ICS website.
- The Community Deal Framework to assist and support places has been written and is regularly updated with national and local good practice.
- Personalisation is being incorporated into the work with Communities and how community groups can support health and well being
- Working with Healthwatch, voluntary sector, local authorities, primary care networks and providers to engage communities to reduce health inequalities
- A video has been created capturing the work as part of the Community Deal and how the NHS Charities projects have enabled the start of these different conversations.



The **#OneSlough** initiative was created at the start of the pandemic in March 2020. Bringing together, the voluntary, and business sectors and faith communities, with Slough Borough Council, resources and skills were combined, to deliver essential services to Slough residents. Together they met on a weekly online call, to work out the logistics of this huge endeavour.



An incredible **12,273 food parcels and 708 prescriptions** have been delivered by volunteers to the vulnerable; a massive achievement by everyone involved.

Whilst food parcels and prescriptions are still necessities for some, other needs have surfaced. Domestic violence, unemployment and poverty have increased in the town and as a result several projects, funded from donations received by Slough Giving, have been established.

# People, Places and Communities

## Achievements

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The outcomes of these projects include:

- Individuals being supported to become more independent and integrated into communities supported by the VCS. including Cares support and signposting.
- The Wellbeing Circle project has been able to create a trusting and collaborative partnership across local authority, health, and the voluntary sector supporting individuals health and wellbeing at home through a personalised care approach.
- Supporting culture events with young activists against racism linking public health messaging to diverse cultural, faith and differences spiritual perspectives
- Promoting key health messages linking with the Diversity Calendar
- New links established with underserved communities e.g., Polish/ Gypsy Roma Traveller
- People are digitally connected with families and others reducing loneliness and Isolation
- Over seven hundred individuals are registered as community champions to support BAME population
- A community Innovation Fund established across places to support local community projects.

By working in close partnership, we will be able to create more opportunities for shared ownership across different work programmes to better reduce health inequalities.

## Priorities

The impact of the pandemic has been felt by everyone and it is important that we understand the difficulties people are facing, whether they be related to health, housing, finances, or family. Building on the expertise of partners, voluntary sector, and charities we will work together to make fundamental change to collaborate with communities to make healthier choices. We also recognise that there is additional work which our partnership can do to better support Unpaid Carers which are a critical component of our health and care workforce.

The future priorities for this ambition are:

- Supporting the implementation of the South East Mental Health Compact which seeks to transform mental health services at scale and pace, including redefining the relationship between mental and physical care
- Creating relationships with all the Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations to be key strategic partners in shaping, improving, and delivering services, to tackle the wider determinants of health and create community asset partnerships
- A clear approach to engaging with our population at place and system levels, including representation at place-based partnerships and the ICS partnership to inform decision making
- Ensuring all of our diverse populations are represented with the creation of an ICS inclusivity framework
- Exploring citizen leadership and creating opportunities to develop decision making in our communities
- Using data and insight to focus on where the biggest impact can be made – for example children and families or those most affected by the increase in the cost of living and housing with fuel poverty
- Using the expertise in local authorities to develop a cross-cutting approach on co-production, co-design and promoting independence and sustainability to enable empowered and thriving communities.
- Identifying and supporting innovation through small scale grassroots community projects using the learning of the Innovation Funds project
- Continually looking for ways to measure success impact and outcomes in conjunction with the starting well and living well ambitions
- Collaborating with our communities to recruit those with lived experience to support a co-produced offer supporting and developing peer leaders for the system
- Working with partners to make best use of funding and joint working opportunities to deliver our commitments around the Serious Violence Duty
- Work with partners and those with lived experience across the system to develop a framework and policy as how to engage with those with lived experience at all levels with the ICS
- Support from Frimley Academy to provide opportunities for training and development of our workforce to hold community conversations and co-produce plans for improvement
- Sharing and spread of good practice in the diverse ways of working. to support the community deal approach.
- Working with people and communities around developing our shared approach to Palliative and End of Life Care, supporting people of all ages to die well and in a way that supports families and communities better cope with these difficult times.



# People, Places and Communities

## Benefits and sustainability

The ICS aspiration is for people to live their lives to their fullest potential. To achieve this, it will require us to create new ways of working, to work flexibly, to invest in models of delivery, and to be brave enough to actively target resources to where we can make the biggest difference for local people. Key benefits include:

- The system understands and is working towards the ambition at all levels
- We have an effective co-production methodology and capability at all levels across the system
- Better outcomes for the most vulnerable
- Understand unique aspects of each community population and their priorities
- Understand population assets, needs, and priorities
- Targeted wellbeing offers that meets local needs and priorities
- Communities feel empowered to have a voice and make decisions that are right for them
- Strong relationships with organisations and the VCSE
- Good conversations with all our communities.
- Using the data and insights to target change with the wider determinants of health
- Equity of offer across the system.
- Empowered communities with improved capacity to look after themselves and each other
- Ultimately resulting in mitigation of the demand pressures and financial constraints across the system

## People and Communities Strategy

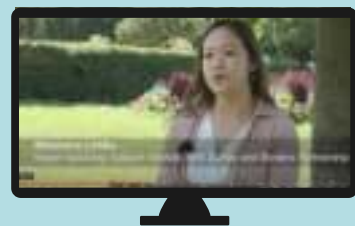
Frimley Health and Care ICS has a strong reputation for working with people and communities, built on trust and long standing partnership work with a wide range of stakeholders. We recognise that insight underpins and supports transformation. Delivery models are changing, and public involvement is essential. We are committed to delivering the best possible health and wellbeing outcomes for people who live within our local communities. This means adapting to new ways of working, ensuring a local focus but with the additional benefits of support, sharing good practice and learning across our system.

**"People and communities have the experience, skills and insight to transform how health and care is designed and delivered. Working with them as equal partners helps them take more control over their health. It is an essential part of securing a sustainable recovery for the NHS following the pandemic. The ambition is for health and care systems to build positive and enduring relationships with communities to improve services, support and outcomes for people."**

Statutory guidance for working in partnership with people and communities, NHS England, July 2022

Frimley Health and Care is developing a system-wide strategy for engaging with people and communities. This draft strategy for Frimley has been built upon insights and experience across the system and engagement with key groups and communities including ICS/ICB Board, CCG and partner staff, Healthwatch and voluntary sector partners and key patient and community groups.

The draft strategy has been shared with NHS England and will be shared with the ICP with the expectation that further refinement and engagement activity will take place throughout 2023, to ensure we actively listen to communities as we establish new ways of working.



To watch a short film about the work of the Community Deal ambition please click the icon or scan the QR code.



**Insight & Involvement Portal**

[insight.frimleyhealthandcare.org.uk/peopleandcommunities](https://insight.frimleyhealthandcare.org.uk/peopleandcommunities)

To access more information about the People and Communities Strategy please scan the QR code or visit:



## Strategic ambition four: **Our People**

Workforce challenges in health and care have been talked about for years, but the scale of challenge in the last two years have been unprecedented. Partners across the health and care system are working hard to ensure we have the workforce we need now and in the future. We need to be clear where we best deliver through a system focus- where we are stronger together to resolve some of our most difficult and longstanding workforce challenges.

- We want to be known as a great place to live, work, develop, make a positive difference.
- We want all of our people to have the opportunity to be physically and mentally healthy, fulfilled, effective and flexible in how they work and what they do.
- We want to attract our local population to careers in our health and care system.





# Our People

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## Achievements

### Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Within the Frimley system we are passionate about equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI). This provides a golden thread for all that we do but we are particularly proud of our **‘Melting the snowy white peaks’** programme. This recognises the under-representation of Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority nurses in senior roles, despite these staff representing over 20% of nurses. In partnership with Surrey University, we have explored, ‘how can we better prepare nurses from Black, Asian and Ethnic minorities for career progression?’ Nurses described a need to be ‘better allies for each other’. We have provided a case study of the programme to demonstrate the positive impact our students tell us they have experienced as a result. Learning is shared with other professional students eg midwives, paramedics and medicine and also with other universities who are exploring offering the programme to their students.

### Temporary Staffing

24% of the Adult Social Care workforce are on temporary (zero-hours) contracts. In the NHS, 4/5 registered nursing vacancies and 7/8 doctor vacancies are filled by temporary staff. Temporary staff are a hugely important part of our workforce. Our programme has been created to create a culture where temporary staff are welcomed – seen as essential and valued, where we recognise that people want flexibility and choice. Working as a collaborative, Frimley, BOB and Surrey Heartlands are improving processes, increasing productivity and strengthening how we deploy an adaptable workforce. Other partners will be joining this successful model soon.

### People in Partnerships

Integrated care requires teams to work together. The PIP programme aims to support teams to strengthen collaboration across the system. Achievements:

- A leadership programme aimed at integrated team leaders
- A series of webinars led by Prof. Michael West on compassion and collaboration
- Supporting teams to have a ‘Culture conversations’
- An integrated team diagnostic

### Allied Health Professionals

AHPs are an essential core part of our workforce. The AHP workforce programme works across the system to strengthen recruitment, retention, transformation within primary care, and maximise clinical productivity. Achievements:

- Design and deliver the system AHP strategy – leading to improved AHP capacity through international cert and return to practice
- Increase placements by 255 in academic year 20-21 (84% uplift in placement capacity)



**Just Culture**, led by Berkshire Healthcare on behalf of the system, is an award- winning initiative which takes a fresh approach to promoting inclusion and compassion when incidents occur in the workplace. By improving understanding and increasing support to staff, disciplinarys reduced and staff survey scores improved.

**This approach has saved over 600 hours of clinical time**



Berkshire Healthcare take a ‘Lead Investigator’ approach across the Frimley Health system and provide highly trained, dedicated investigators for fact finding in disciplinary cases. Previously, clinicians were required to undertake investigations so this approach saves clinical time (600+hours) and improves the overall standard of investigation reports. The process encourages earlier resolution in cases resulting in reduced suspensions and disciplinarys.

# Our People

## Priorities

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Our ambitions are aligned to the Frimley system strategy, and the initiatives we develop framed by the NHS People Plan.

We are undertaking a strategy refresh with our partners to agree our 'at scale' workforce transformation priorities – engagement and intelligence so far tells us we should focus on three target areas:

1. **Creating a joint workforce model for health and care – more connection, agility, equity and opportunity for our people, regardless of their employing organisation**
2. **Widening access to employment and keeping the people we have– working with our staff and our communities to remove barriers, truly listen to people to understand what they need to join us and stay with us**
3. **Strengthening partnership working and new models of care - Supporting our teams to drive transformation and to work in partnership to deliver high quality integrated care**

Many of our system programmes are truly making a difference. It is important to recognise what works well and use data to measure progress. It is also important to know when we need to take a different path. We will ensure everything we invest in has a clear purpose, is value adding and is transparently evaluated.





# Our People

## Benefits and sustainability

We have engaged with stakeholders across the system to find out what is important to them with regard to our People. They tell us we need to:

- Remove barriers to people accessing work or progressing
- Work more collaboratively as partners and better understand each other
- Improve parity between those working in health and those in care
- See all working or volunteering in health and care as valued and important
- Increase the diversity of our staff, particularly our leaders
- Better understand our communities and their employment needs
- Support the wellbeing of our staff, particularly as cost-of-living pressures rise
- Demonstrate care to each other and create compassionate leaders
- Create long term plans so that we have the workforce we need for the future

By focusing our system resources on our three target areas we will deliver or support initiatives which will:

- Reduce inequalities between our health and social care workforce – improving parity of terms and conditions, development opportunities and access to support
- Optimise our community assets to enable more people to access ‘good work’ through our Anchor Institutions programmes
- Improve our management of and support to temporary staff, extending our programme across the South East region and to primary and social care partners
- Strengthen our widening access and participation programme so that more people can join and progress within the Frimley Health and care system
- Retain and strengthen our Reservist workforce who volunteered to support the vaccination programme. Extend this across social care
- Reduce discrimination and achieve greater diversity in leadership roles
- Increase workforce capacity through local initiatives and international recruitment, creating robust workforce plans for the future
- Improve retention through; preventing violence at work, supporting health and wellbeing, enabling people to progress across health and care, embedding digital solutions and supporting staff with housing/cost-of-living challenges
- Enabling clinical leaders to redesign services and workforce models through our CLEAR programme

- Embed new roles such as Trusted Assessors to promptly assess hospital patients on behalf of care homes
- Support people across our system to be compassionate leaders who role model partnership working to deliver high quality integrated care
- Improve nursing and AHP attraction, retention and development through increasing placements, attracting and retaining international staff, better supporting students, embed new roles and increase apprenticeships

Over the coming months we will again bring together workforce leaders across the system to prioritise and to agree who is best leading various programmes. We have had much success in the past at identifying strengths within our partner organisations and supporting them with resources to lead initiatives across the system and will continue with this approach.

Strategic ambition five:

# Leadership and Cultures

Together with our communities and partners we will build kind and inclusive cultures which harness the rich diversity of experience, knowledge, skills, and capabilities from across our system. We will collaborate with others to co-design, integrate and inspire all our people to make a positive contribution in our neighbourhoods, across our places and throughout Frimley.

We will continue to:

- create opportunities for our partners to develop our cultures of compassion and belonging together
- cultivate whole system leadership and partnership working which finds new ways to tackle complex system challenges
- nurture the leadership potential in our people, in every part of our health and care system, equipping them to work across boundaries together with communities to improve outcomes through tackling inequalities
- engage with our communities to deliver improvements in the integration of services for better access, experience and outcomes
- embed the universal Freedom To Speak Up principles, ensuring our people feel empowered, supported and confident to challenge and offer suggestions to improve ways of working.

We will create a thriving environment which values the power and strength of our diversity and ensures our people feel empowered and confident to challenge when things are not right and to offer suggestions to improve ways of working. This will contribute to an inclusive leadership culture which enables equity of access to services, support and opportunities for our communities and staff through life and career.





# Leadership and Cultures

Throughout our engagement on this strategy refresh we heard clearly from our partners that the need for developing our collective ability to lead improvement continues to grow. There was a recognition that our priorities and programmes under this ambition need to be adaptive and responsive to the changing context in which we work. As such we will continue to ensure we evaluate, reflect and adapt our programmes on an ongoing basis. We also heard some key themes which we will address through our priority areas, these included:

- Ensure our voluntary, community and social enterprise partners, alongside residents and communities can engage and develop their leadership skills so they can make a difference in the communities where they live and work
- Continue to broaden access to our leadership programmes supporting underrepresented partners to take part in our offers (e.g. housing, fire, police etc)
- Work together with our children and young people and relevant partners to offer opportunities to develop our leaders of the future
- • Ensure a mixed offer of programmes and activities that can support more people to benefit (e.g. bite-size programmes, mix of virtual and face to face) and link to the outcomes of our system objectives
- Continue to support those people that have benefited from our leadership offers to make a positive difference in the work that they do on an ongoing basis – growing our ‘community of practice’

In addition, we recognise that our culture is the sum of our behaviours, and our leadership behaviours have by far the greatest direct impact on our culture. We will continue embed our ‘Frimley Way’ through our partnerships and the way that we work together.

## Achievements

Our Frimley Academy was established in 2018 and over the past four years we have been through several distinct phases which have shown how we have adapted to the changing environment around us. Phase one saw us respond to the priorities identified through the engagement we undertook on our 2019 strategy ‘Creating Healthier Communities’. This strategy highlighted the ongoing need to provide unique opportunities for partners and people to come together, across a wide range of sectors, to develop their system leadership skills and to tackle the complex change challenges we face. We adapted our flagship system leadership development programme ‘2020’, which was rapidly followed by ‘Wavelength’ (a leadership programme focused on using digital to drive improvements), alongside several other programmes and offers that equipped our people to lead well in our emerging system context.



Phase two was in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. We rapidly refocused our activities to support our people to deliver and manage well through those extraordinary times. Our refocused offers during the pandemic included 1:1 supportive conversations, bespoke support for teams and sharing of support and wellbeing resources for our people. As we emerged from the pandemic, we undertook a piece of work with a number of leaders from within, and beyond, our system to understand the leadership values that had helped them through one of the most difficult events in the history of the NHS. These values and behaviours are now being embedded across our system and are known as the ‘Frimley way’.

We have now entered phase three and we have relaunched the work of our academy. Frimley Academy continue to provide nationally recognised system leadership and learning development programmes, which bring together leaders and professionals from all parts of health and social care, Ministry of Defence, local government, and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector. We have expanded our system leadership and culture offers which strengthen our collective capability for system partnership working that makes a difference for our communities. This includes over the past year delivering 10 offers, reaching over 650 people and promoting the opportunities provided by our partners across the system.

# Leadership and Cultures

Our collaborative network of partners is key to the work we have achieved so far in delivering our culture and leadership ambition. The strength of our partnerships comes from the support and commitment of partners and means that we have been able to increase the spread of our system offers and support – including access to individual coaching support networks, facilitation and team development coaching. The role our Frimley Academy plays as a system convenor and co-design support has meant we have been able to create the space to accelerate system development, foster relationships and enable genuine collaboration for spread and adoption.

In addition to the work of the Academy there has been significant progress made in our system on building our cultures of belonging and inclusion. Over the past year we have co-designed and agreed our five Frimley ICS Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Ambitions and have also held a series of system-wide events to explore our culture of inclusion and belonging, including the Frimley ICS EDI Conference attended by people from across all parts of the system and shared with many more.

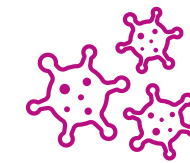
*"A fantastic way to broaden my horizons on the integrated care system and impact of digital transformation!"*

*"20/20 is energising, positive, exciting and progressive. Thank you Frimley Academy ..."*

*"I came away with a much better understanding and appreciation of the system and the people that make it work as a whole."*



Using insights in our design



Focused response to Covid-19



2018

Launch

2019

Refocus

2020

Relaunch

2021

Refresh

2022

## Our purpose

**Frimley Academy exists to nurture the leadership potential in all of our people in every part of our health and care system, equipping and supporting them to work across boundaries together with our people and communities to improve outcomes by tackling inequalities**

*We strive to provide inclusive opportunities and the environment which enables all of our people to develop together as system leaders who transcend boundaries*

*To inspire whole system community leadership networks which harness new ways of working to tackle complex system inequalities*



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# Leadership and Cultures

## Priorities

We will continue to ensure that we create opportunities for communities, people and partners to develop our cultures of compassion and belonging together. We will work to cultivate our whole system leadership and partnership working which finds new ways to tackle our complex system challenges. We will ensure we expand our system leadership and culture offers strengthening our collective capability for advanced system partnership working that makes a difference with our communities. We will also create the space to stimulate radical thinking, meaningful collaboration and bold action to tackle inequalities. We will base the way we work around the 'Frimley Way' so that we are building our cultures in the way we do our work together across the system.

We will deliver our system **equality, diversity and inclusion ambitions** – building on our equality diversity and inclusion strategy which is focused on being anti-racist, free of all forms of discrimination, bullying and harassment. We will build more diverse leadership, representative of the diversity of our system. These will be enabled through a range of supporting interventions:

- Frimley ICB mirror board
- Cultural Intelligence
- Reciprocal Mentoring

We will develop our system wide **Freedom to Speak Up strategy and vision** – empowering our people to speak up when things are not right and co-design improvements. Embedding freedom to speak up in our inclusive culture and share learning across the system so we make a positive difference

By leveraging our **leadership networks** – we will accelerate the spread and adoption of system change and maximise the impact of those that have benefited from our leadership and culture interventions through a community of practice

Nurturing a **shared learning culture** will create the space to stimulate radical thinking, meaningful collaboration and bold action to tackle inequalities, harnessing collective intelligence and wisdom of all parts of our system to emerge. We will continue to broaden access to our leadership programmes supporting underrepresented partners to take part in our offers.

Enabling greater **community led capability** development will support and empower the communities we serve, in the places that they live. We will listen to what's important to them and develop our community and partner leadership skills together.

**Alliance and coalition building** will create a more permissive environment of collaborative networks and adaptive partnerships and link with the systems other ambitions and programmes (e.g. children and young people)

We will expand our **culture and leadership offers** – to reflect our system challenges and build our system leaders of the future and ensure a mixed offer of programmes and activities that can support more people to benefit



**95% tell us that having the time and space to reflect on their role, their influence and how to improve and lead realistic change in their organisation is making a big difference in their working lives**

**100% strongly agreed that the programme enhanced their confidence and skills in connecting and collaborating across boundaries**



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# Leadership and Cultures

## Benefits and sustainability

Our leadership and cultures ambition brings together key shared leadership and culture priorities, opportunities and challenges drawn upon the collective wisdom, insights and strategies of our partners. The ambition aims to deliver mutual benefits aligned to existing work of our partners, our future system partnership ambitions, as well respond to the recommendations of the recently published review of leadership in health and social care (June 2022).

**Cultural competence and inclusion are integral** to the future success of our ICS. As a system we recognise that we are all leaders, what distinguishes the culturally competent leader is the profound commitment to understand deeply the people they work with in their teams, our communities we serve, their unique priorities, challenges, and the strengths of each.

We will continue to develop the ambition as we move forward building our collective system capabilities, the learning from of our strong history of system working and our tried and tested leadership behaviours which describe how we work with our partners and the communities we serve. Our aspiration is that by focusing on 'the way we do things' - we will create a thriving system in which our residents and our people can make a positive difference to the lives of those that live and work in Frimley.

Through our actions we will:

- Continue to equip our people with the skills and capabilities to manage change in complex systems and deliver better outcomes in services and ways of working through our 'change challenges'
- Support our people to embed the 'Frimley Way' and develop connected and compassionate leaders
- We will increase the number of people that benefit from our programmes year on year and will develop new offers in new ways to increase the diversity and numbers of people across our system leading improvements
- We will deliver our system wide equality, diversity and inclusion priorities delivering an inclusive culture in which people feel they belong and use measures such as staff surveys and equality monitoring data to demonstrate improvements
- We will develop our system network to share learning from Freedom to Speak Up, demonstrating how we have made a difference through embedding improvements as a result of people speaking up
- We will create our community of practice which leverages the capacity and skills of our people to create positive change
- We will contribute to the opportunities for development for all people across all parts of our system supporting our communities and staff through life and career as demonstrated through measures such as retention and feedback from our communities and staff

Evaluation data on the personal and professional impact of our targeted system leadership development report **100% success** across all participants in the core areas of greater system awareness, enhanced skills and improved relationships and networks for system working across system.

We have nurtured and supported leaders at all levels to initiate over **200 system change challenges** with approximately 90 currently ongoing and 40 completed. Despite system demands we are seeing a marked increase in willingness for system activism.

Leveraging **greater leadership development diversity and inclusion**: Working with our partners we have successfully delivered a **300% increase in access to leadership development** through a combination of increased cohorts and system representative recruitment approach. The overwhelming feedback at place, partner and system level is that this has generated positive leadership and culture momentum that we must maintain and build on as a system. There are clear opportunities to do so.





**Strategic ambition six:**

# Outstanding use of resources

Outstanding use of resources means that the system will collectively aim to deliver the greatest possible value to support the health and wellbeing of the population, with the resources available. Our long term commitment to reducing need and health inequalities will support the long term sustainability of health and care services. We have made digitally-enabled care a priority for this ambition.

We aim to be known for working together to maximise the impact of the skills and capacities of our staff, making decisions based on good intelligence, our digital capabilities, our 'Frimley pound', our local buildings and facilities. We will shift resources to maximise benefits.

The ICS will ensure joint prioritisation and effective utilisation of all our resources including financial, estates, digital and workforce, recognising these as our key strategic assets.

Although future financial resource flows are unknown, and national strategic workforce planning is a work in progress, it is clear that without transformation the system will be facing a financial gap that will only increase over time. The financial challenge across our partnership is a real "here and now" issue which is already leading to difficult decisions for organisations and elected representatives to have to take around which services can be offered to local people.

The strategy aims to close the resource shortfall by improving people's health and wellbeing outcomes, thereby reducing the demand for resources in the treatment of poor health.



# Outstanding use of resources

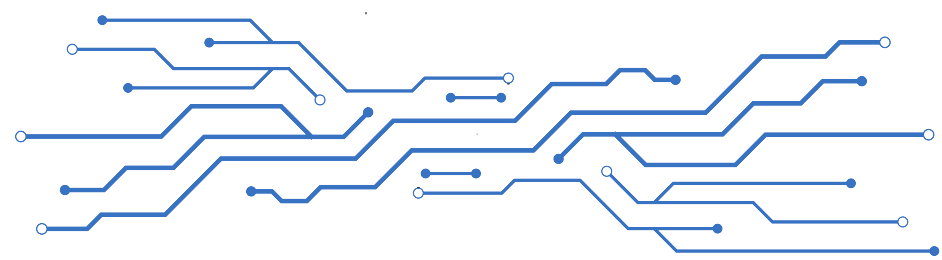
## Achievements

The pandemic has influenced the delivery of this, as every other aspect of system strategy since 2019.

However, there is much learning to be taken from the world-changing events since then. The pandemic has been a catalyst for significant innovation and driven more collaborative working in areas that otherwise might have been the case.

New opportunities have arisen in areas such as digital wellbeing and connectivity, population health management, remote monitoring of health and wellbeing and remote working which has the potential dramatically to reduce resource consumption in non-clinical estate.

The ambition aims to seize the opportunities presented and to harness the new learning in pursuit of the system's key strategic ambitions.



We will future proof our system by having a **leading digital and analytics ecosystem** which will deliver practical improvement through **transformation** and cultural change using digital innovation.

We will develop a digital offer for patients, residents, staff and system that supports the delivery of all of our strategic ambitions. It will give us **greater insight** from our data to make informed decisions and target our improvement actions. It will give people the information they need to **prevent ill health** and manage their own health. It will **support automation** and more productive ways of working.



### Since 2019, we have delivered some key achievements within Digital and Analytics

- Developed a nationally leading population health intelligence platform
- Established population health analytics support that is now embedded in decision making across the ICS at system, place and PCN level
- Developed digital enablers that improve access for residents to Primary Care
- Embedded evidence led improvement and transformation using population health management approaches
- Nationally leading use of remote monitoring
- First area in the UK to implement John's Hopkins' patient segmentation approaches
- 65k accesses from 5k unique users of the shared care record every month
- Use of population health management to improve diabetes and hypertension management and outcomes that has measurably reduced variation in deprived communities as well as driving support for residents hardest hit by the cost of living crisis
- Use of population analysis to target communication activity and spend to key cohorts
- Establishing close collaboration between clinical leadership, digital, transformation and analytics to drive change
- Increase the flexibility of our estate by maximising digital ways of working

**Our estate is a key driver for transformational change.** The system will invest in upgrading facilities in an aligned way across health and care, making best use of public money to provide flexible facilities close to where people need them. We want to enable our staff to work in the most efficient way by utilising the estate and digital capability to maximum impact.

We will focus on delivering a number of key estates programmes across our system including cross-sector initiatives and in developing and embedding a system evaluation and planning cycle for capital investments. Over the period of the strategy our achievements to date include:

- Heatherwood Hospital redevelopment and renewal.
- Investment in GP estate.
- Integrated Care Hub in Farnborough in partnership with Rushmoor Borough Council.
- Community hospital reconfiguration.
- Cross-sector partnership developments, including Heathlands in Bracknell.



Digital

Estates



# Outstanding use of resources

## Priorities

The system will work collaboratively to a **single system resource** envelope across the health and care system in support of clinical and operational strategies to deliver the key strategic ambitions.

We will work to enable more **fully informed decision making** in the use of the resources available to deliver the greatest possible value for the health and wellbeing of the population.

We seek to predict future demand under a “do-nothing” scenario and to develop our ability to:

- **reduce the need for costlier healthcare interventions** through investment in preventative and wellbeing interventions
- **utilise digital innovation** to deliver greater value for our population
- **optimise capacity** to meet demand and better mitigate demand that could be addressed more effectively elsewhere

The targeting of health inequalities is a key action for the delivery of a **sustainable service model** which provides the greatest possible value. It is well-evidenced that deprivation drives health inequalities which in turn drive greater utilisation of resource-intensive treatment. A focus on the improvement of health and wellbeing outcomes in our most deprived neighbourhoods will therefore have the greatest impact on consumption of resource in the treatment of poor health, which will free resource for reapplication in further preventative and wellbeing developments.

The development of planning and delivery **relationships with the voluntary sector, charitable organisations including hospices and commercial sector providers** has the potential to enable the application of a far greater level of resource than statutory organisations are able to bring to bear in the delivery of best value for our population’s health and wellbeing. This must therefore be a priority as we work to deliver this objective.

In light of the finite nature of our resource, the system should have a **conversation with the public** which seeks to articulate the limitations of our financial and workforce capacity in order that a more fully informed public is able to help us to prioritise our resource application.

Finally, our physical estates continue to experience significant challenge with the need for urgent capital investment clearly visible. The most pressing example of this is the use of RAAC plank building materials across the Frimley Park Hospital site, reducing the ability to use the full estate for patient services. A priority for this period will include securing additional investment to address this challenge.

## Digital, analytics and transformation priorities

- Further developing the breadth, capability and use of our Shared Care Record
- Continue to expand the nationally leading use of remote monitoring as a prevention opportunity
- Improving the seamless flow of data between organisations across the health and care system
- Improving data quality, timeliness and breadth of data being shared
- Improving digital literacy and the use of insights to drive evidence based decision making
- Embedding a system wide analytics operating model that optimises the use of analytics resources and focuses on driving meaningful outcomes
- Scaling nationally leading, locally developed, population health intelligence tools to support other systems across the UK
- Increasing the use of evaluation to support decision making and rapid improvement cycles
- Moving from descriptive analytics to greater emphasis on predictive and prescriptive techniques and data science
- Greater focus on patient reported outcomes and better understanding the voice of our residents
- Greater insight supporting evidence based decision making at system, place and neighbourhood levels. Incorporating wider determinants and resident provided information to drive population health management and system intelligence.
- Support a move towards self-care and prevention by integrating the good work in health and social care with app and resident-facing technology integration.
- Use digital tools and evaluation of our interventions to underpin work to reduce inequalities for residents across the system.
- Increase the flexibility of our estate by maximising digital ways of working
- Stronger integration with children’s social care and education to support targeted and coordinated wellbeing offer to children to start well.

## Benefits and sustainability

The optimal use of resources will support the whole system in achieving its vision of improving the lives of our residents and addressing health inequalities. The use of digital technology will empower our workforce to work differently, creating capacity as well as improving quality outcomes for residents. Improving access and the use of technology will also support patients to better navigate the health and care system and empower patients to take greater ownership of their health and wellbeing.

The ambition directly addresses this issue, to drive a service which maximises health and wellbeing outcomes, minimises health inequalities and demonstrably delivers the greatest possible value for the resource entrusted to us on behalf of our population.

# Our next steps together

## Our Shared Commitment to Delivering Progress

This refreshed ICS Strategy is the first step in the next phase of our joint work together as partner organisations. We are committed to continuing our efforts to deliver improvements against our two Strategic Priorities, **Reducing Health Inequalities** and **Improving Healthy Life Expectancy**. This document sets out where we think the greatest opportunities lie ahead of us in making this a reality for our residents.

Our intention is to work with residents, staff, elected representatives and organisations in Q4 of 2022/23 to share this draft strategy and **hear further feedback** as to how it can be strengthened. We will seek to update the strategy to reflect as much of this feedback as possible, prior to the Integrated Care Partnership being asked to endorse this strategy at its meeting in March 2023.

As we enter 2022/23, we will seek to **work with partners** in their organisations and **Health & Wellbeing Boards** to ensure that we have credible plans for delivering improvement against these strategic ambitions as set out in this document. We have already signalled an intention to bring greater clarity to the expected benefits of this work for residents and staff, backed up by a clear understanding of the metrics and indicators which will tell us whether our shared work in this area is delivering tangible progress.

Delivering on the improvement opportunities identified in this strategy is a **collective responsibility**. We have highlighted these areas of focus because they are deliverable only with ambitious involvement from the organisations which make up our partnership. By **working together** in line with our **shared values**, we will hold each other to account for the delivery of our strategic purpose in the right way.

Over the past three years we have invested significant time in building new delivery capability, creating new vehicles for transformation which are not rooted in the traditional organisational architecture of the twentieth century. We will make the most of our ICP, ICB, Health & Wellbeing Boards and Provider Collaboratives to **achieve our goals** because we know that these partnership constructs will give us the best chance of success.

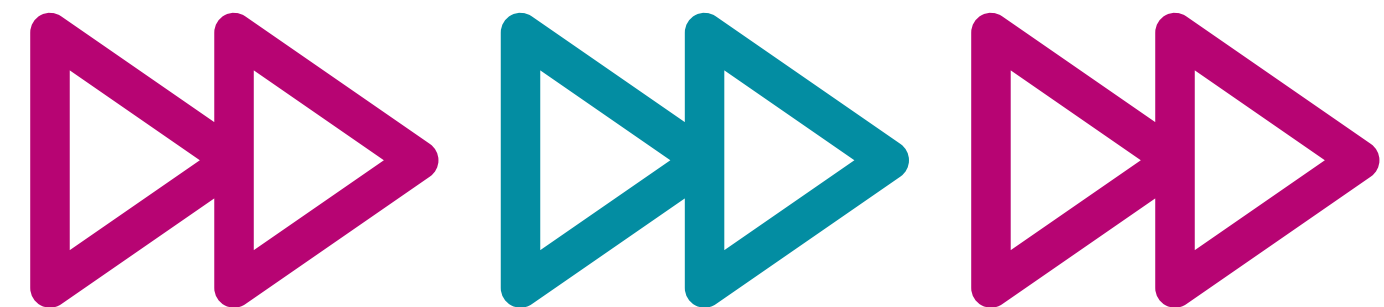
## Addressing the wider determinants of health and wellbeing

Our greatest opportunities for achieving success together will come through addressing the broader factors which determine the health and wellbeing of our population.

In the months ahead we will embark on an ambitious agenda-setting approach to making best use of our Integrated Care Partnership to create the time and attention required to delivering shared improvement in these areas. Focus areas which have already been suggested by our partners for subject matter workshops include:

- **Social and Private Housing, Planning and Development**
- **Healthier Spaces, Leisure and Tourism**
- **Economic Development, Skills Development and Training**
- **Understanding the Social Care provider sector and exploring quality improvement opportunities**
- **Making best use of our collective Public Sector physical assets and anchor institutions**
- **Digital provision of health and care support to workforce, patients and residents**
- **Securing long term sustainability, including environmental improvement opportunities and the broader Green agenda**

Delivering improvement from this strategy and therefore improvement for our residents is contingent on identifying the opportunities for change which are present in all of the above. As the ICP continues to evolve and develop, it will provide a critical forum to secure this.





# Staying in touch

## Insight & Involvement Portal



We have created a page on our Insight and Involvement Portal that will be updated with progress on the development on the refreshed strategy. Please take the time to visit to share your views and to see the partnership work undertaken to develop the Strategy to date.

[insight.frimleyhealthandcare.org.uk/strategyrefresh](https://insight.frimleyhealthandcare.org.uk/strategyrefresh)

You can also visit our system website for a wide range of information about Frimley Health and Care, how to get involved in our work and up to date health and care information and resources that can be shared with friends, family and colleagues.

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